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13. आंध्र प्रदेश . . .	2,751	3,547	4,445
14. कर्नाटक	1,179	2,049	2,329
15. केरल	159	174	230
16. जम्मू एवं कश्मीर . . .	300	302	257
17. हिमाचल प्रदेश . . .	135	220	190
18. असाम	744	816	830
19. अन्य	409	273	540

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Withdrawal of international price Reimbursement scheme

@*275. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to withdraw the International Price Reimbursement Scheme in respect of the small scale industry; and

(b) if so, what is the decision, if any, taken by Government in this regard, stating the overall impact of the withdrawal of the scheme on the small scale industry?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) No decision has been taken by the Government to withdraw the International Price Reimbursement Scheme (IPRS) whether for the small scale or any other sector of the engineering goods industry. The Ministry of Steel is advocating the abolition of the cess which is now financing the IPRS. At the same time, the exists cell being collected is not sufficient to meet the claims under the IPRS. Government is yet to take a final view on the future shape of the IPRS.

@ Previously Starred Question 55, transferred from 25.2.1993.

Money blocked by Iraqi Banks

*276. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than Rs. 1,000 crores have been blocked by Iraqi banks causing hardship to Indians, including overseas Indian contractors engaged in Iraqi projects;

(b) whether Government have made any diplomatice move to get the funds released at the earliest; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?